THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) The textiles export achievements and targets fixed for the last five years are as follows:-

(in US$ Million)

Year	Target	Achievement
2003-04	13500	13496
2004-05	15160	14027
2005-06	15565	17080
2006-07	19730	19146
2007-08	25060	22130

It may be seen that exports of textiles and clothing products from India have increased steadily during the above period from US$ 13.5 billion in 2003-04 to US$ 22.13 billion in 2007-08, denoting an increase of 64%.

The shortfall in achieving the target, apart from the rupee appreciation factor, are attributable to general decrease in the volume of imports of textiles and clothing by the major buyer countries and erosion of competitive edge of the exporters in the global markets due to high domestic transition costs and incidences of multiple duties and taxes. The USA, which is India's single largest market for textiles and clothing products, as well as many other major buyer countries have been facing economic slowdown leading to adverse impact on India's exports. However, there is no proposal to reduce the target for India's exports of textiles and clothing by 40 percent.

12.00 Noon

[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

STATEMENT BY MINISTER CORRECTING ANSWER TO QUESTION

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the statement correcting the answer to Unstarred Question 3902 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 2008 regarding 'UAV crash near Bhatinda, Punjab.[]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

National Jute Board Bill, 2008

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I lay on the Table a copy of the National Jute Board Bill, 2008 as passed by the Houses during the Two hundred and fourteenth Session and assented to by the President.